REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action all of the claims were rejected as being anticipated by the disclosure of the cited Kishi reference. Also, a typographical error was pointed out with respect to Claim 5. By this response, however, that typographical error has been remedied and independent Claims 1 and 5 have been extensivly amended to more clearly stress the patentable distinctions of the present invention as compared to the prior art. In addition, new independent Claim 8 has been added, and each of those independent claims is believed to be patentably distinct over the Kishi reference for the reasons set forth below.

The invention which is claimed in this application relates to a particle movement-type display apparatus which is illustrated, for example, in Figs. 1, 2, and 6, of the drawings. In this regard, such claims are directed to three different embodiments as described respectively in Claims 1, 5, and 8.

More particularly, an object of the present invention as set forth in amended Claim 1 is to prevent particles from moving to pixel areas in the case where the particles enter or are sandwiched between the peripheral area of the display portion and the opposite substrate in a production process of the particle movement-type display apparatus. Specifically, the partition wall is provided with a recess portion at a surface thereof opposite from a surface thereof facing the substrate so that even in the case where the particles are sandwiched between the projection portion of the peripheral area and the opposite substrate, the particles enter the recess portion and a gap formed by the sandwiched particles is smaller than a diameter of the particles, thus being prevented from

moving to other pixels or the like. In another embodiment, as set forth in Claim 5, a similar effect can also be obtained, since the particles enter the spacing area, even in such a constitution that the plurality of projection portions is provided in the peripheral area and each of the projection portions is separated by the spacing area.

Furthermore, a third embodiment of the particle movement-type display apparatus includes the recess portion in the partition wall at a surface thereof opposite from a surface thereof facing the substrate.

The Kishi reference, however, discloses a particle movement-type display apparatus including a collection electrode 31 (Fig. 4B) which is referred to in the Office Action as a peripheral area. However, the collection electrode is not a recess as now referred to in Claims 1 and 8, and it is disposed in the display area, not the peripheral area disposed around the display area as required in Claim 5.

Moreover, the display apparatus of Kishi is not understood to be designed to prevent the particles from moving to other pixels. Therefore, the display apparatus of Kishi is quite different in constitution from the display apparatus of the present invention.

In summary, in view of the foregoing amendments it is believed that the claims are now patentably distinct over the cited prior art, wherefore the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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